



# WFP C.A.R. CRISIS REGIONAL UPDATE

## Situation Report #24

30 June 2016

### In Numbers

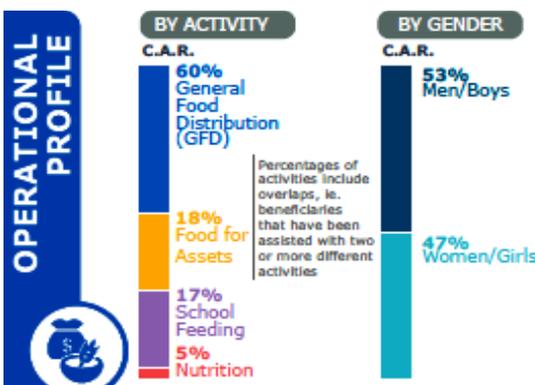
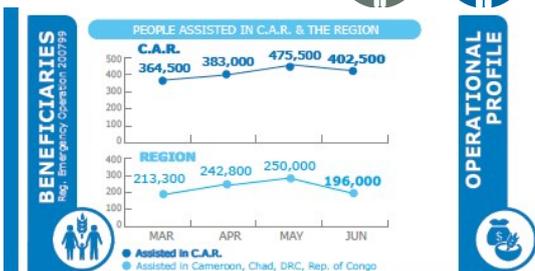
**555,991** people in **5** provinces affected  
**391,443** people in the region,  
 including 50,226 in Bangui  
**2.5 million** people in food insecurity in the region including **600,000** severely food insecure

### Highlights

- **Sectarian security incidents resumed in Bangui.**
- **Seven persons abducted by suspected LRA elements in C.A.R.**
- **364,676 people assisted from 1 to 25 June through the provision of mixed commodities.**
- **153,700 C.A.R. refugees assisted in Cameroon, through food and cash transfer activities.**

### People assisted

June 2016



### Situation Update

- The general security situation is calm in **C.A.R.** However, there are continued attempts by armed groups to disrupt the peace process. The National Assembly calls for the lifting of the arms ban against C.A.R. and the reorganization of the Central African Army (FACA).
- On 12 June, sectarian security incidents resumed in Bangui – PK5 neighborhood (3rd district), after the discovery of the dead body of a Muslim moto-taxist. Later, young Muslims reportedly demonstrated in PK5 to protest against the absence of security in PK5. MINUSCA patrols were deployed to prevent any further resumption of violence opposing both Muslim and Christian communities in PK5. At least four people were reportedly killed – including the moto-taxist. The security situation calmed down on 12 June evening, though tension remained in Boeing district and the East of Bangui.
- On 15 June, Ngaoudaye village –nearby both Cameroon and **Chadian** borders, in Ouham-Pendé prefecture - was taken over by suspected ex-Seleka militants. Further armed clashes between Ex-Seleka and self-defense groups supported by Anti-Balaka militias resulted in several deaths, dozens of sacked and fired houses, a fired Gendarmerie post, and cut Télécél telecommunication network.
- Inter-sectarian violence continues in Mambere-Kadei Prefecture, Bangui. On 20 June, youth in Sasso-Nakombo threatened to attack Muslim traders returning from exile in Cameroon. On 21 June, anti-Balaka elements torched houses of the Muslim community in Carnot, injuring some twenty locals.
- On 24 June, the six policemen kept hostages for five days were released in Bangui. They were captured by an armed group in reaction to the arrest of a number of Peulh tribesmen by the police. Violence subsequently erupted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> district when MINUSCA forces clashed with the group. One peacekeeper was injured. Six armed individuals and three civilians were killed in the fighting.
- New refugee influxes are reported in several localities along

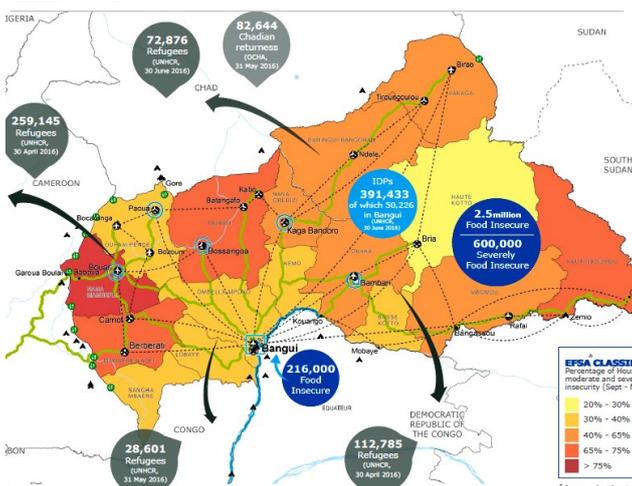


Photo: Mobile phone-based cash transfers launched in Cameroon for 20,000 + C.A.R. refugees, May 2016 WFP/Sofia Engdahl

**Cameroon's** eastern border as the security situation deteriorated in C.A.R. UNHCR reported new refugee arrivals in Touboro, border area of Cameroon's north region, following renewed clashes in the northwest part of C.A.R.. UNHCR also identified some 550 newly arrived refugees from C.A.R. in the border town of Yamba, Adamawa region, originating from other parts of the country; 138 refugees were referred to the Ngam refugee site to receive humanitarian assistance.

- In **DRC**, the security situation in Gbadolite, Libenge, Mbandaka, Zongo and the surrounding areas is calm. In **RoC**, some of the journalists on mission to Betou to report on UNFPA activities in Likouala department were arrested at the behest of local authorities for unexplained reasons. They were released after one day of detention.

## WFP Response



### Food and Nutrition Assistance

- From 1 to 25 June, WFP assisted 364,676 people in C.A.R. through the provision of 2,482 mt of mixed commodities. 19,539 people were assisted via the CBT modality. In July, WFP plans to assist 487,727 beneficiaries with 3,127 mt and USD 237,040 transfer.
- In Cameroon, screening results amongst beneficiaries enrolled in WFP nutrition programmes continue to indicate improvements in the nutritional situation in the east, Adamawa and north regions. Recent screenings of 12,389 refugee children aged 6-23 months in refugee camps and BSF pilot sites, indicated a GAM prevalence of 1.3 percent.
- With the arrival of the nutrition products and the signing of a new partnership, WFP starts to supply food in the Impfondo area in RoC, through its medical partners, *Terre Sans Frontières* and HELP Hospital. The supplementary feeding is extended to Impfondo, while it was previously implemented only in Betou due to the lack of resources. WFP team reached 13,276 refugees through GFD in RoC.
- The third round of **cash transfers** is completed in Gado site, Cameroon. Following the successful launch of the activity on 4 May, some 21,000 beneficiaries are reached, which represents 91 percent of the initial plan. The first two distributions provide an allowance to cover 15 days equivalent of a food ration, while the June distribution is for 30 days. Some 10 new retailer shops are identified in and around the Gado site to ensure the local markets

have enough supplies to meet increasing demand. A total of 21 WFP-contracted shops are now operational in the site. The third round of cash transfers is completed in Gado site.

## Clusters and Common Services



### Food Security Cluster

- FSC in C.A.R. is launching discussion with cluster members regarding cash transfer activities and the lessons learnt. FSC will also explore the possibility to contribute to the online community of practice that will be created in coordination with the Inter-cluster coordination group.



### Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster in C.A.R, in collaboration with the GIS Unit of the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM), is creating a map with the ongoing rehabilitation projects. A logistics cluster mission was undertaken to Lisala territory in Mongola province, DRC, to collect data related to access, road infrastructure, warehouses, ports, etc. for project using GPS.



### Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- ETC is facilitating the allocation of the equipment (radio equipment, long range WiFi and IT networking devices) to be distributed to selected NGOs (NetHope project) in C.A.R. The ETC team is also working on the rehabilitation project of the building hosting the VHF Telecommunications infrastructure in Bangui. The building belongs to the Ministry of the National Defence and the project is part of the capacity building of the government counterpart in that specific area.

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## WFP Operation

|  | Total Requirements<br>(in USD) | Total Received<br>(in USD) | 6 Months Net Funding Requirements<br>(in USD) | People Assisted<br>(June 2016) |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>EMOP 200799</b><br>(Project Duration) | 75,100,000                     | 27,800,000                 | 47,300,000                                    | 598,500                        |